

January 11	Temperature				Precipitation		
	mean max	mean min	record max highest / lowest (year)	record min highest / lowest (year)	mean	record highest (year)	chance
San Diego	66	49	83 (1983) / 46 (1949)	62 (1981) / 35 (1913)	0.07	1.56 (1886)	23%
Santa Ana	69	46	88 (1986) / 51 (1949)	55 (1995) / 27 (1921)	0.10	2.37 (2001)	21%
Riverside	66	42	84 (2002) / 51 (2001)	53 (1995) / 28 (1952)	0.08	1.62 (1930)	21%
Escondido	68	42	86 (1996) / 47 (1949)	55 (1995) / 26 (1918)	0.11	2.57 (1980)	26%
Big Bear Lake	47	21	62 (1986) / 35 (1963)	35 (1980) / 8 (1987)	0.12	4.37 (2005)	21%
Idyllwild	53	27	71 (1986) / 30 (1949)	42 (1995) / 10 (1955)	0.18	3.11 (2005)	22%
Palomar Mountain	51	35	82 (1942) / 26 (1949)	54 (1953) / 16 (1949)	0.18	5.03 (2005)	22%
Victorville	59	31	72 (1997) / 35 (1949)	47 (1995) / 19 (1954)	0.03	0.72 (2001)	15%
Palm Springs	70	43	87 (1928) / 42 (1930)	60 (2000) / 26 (1977)	0.04	1.17 (1995)	12%
Borrego Springs	69	43	85 (1990) / 58 (1978)	57 (1996) / 32 (1971)	0.04	0.69 (1955)	15%

Mean temperatures and precipitation based on 1971-2000 normals. The year given is the year of latest occurrence.

Periods of record: San Diego temperature: 1872, precipitation: 1850. Santa Ana temperature: 1916, precipitation: 1906. Riverside: 1924. Escondido: 1900. Big Bear Lake: 1960. Idyllwild: 1943. Palomar Mountain: 1938. Victorville: 1917. Palm Springs temperature: 1917, precipitation: 1906. Borrego Springs temperature: 1965, precipitation: 1942.

On this day in...

2005: Five consecutive days of heavy rainfall started on 1.7 and ended on this day. The wet weather was blamed on the “Madden-Julian Oscillation”, also known as the “Pineapple Connection”. Thirty inches of rainfall over the five days deluged Lytle Creek. Four to ten inches fell at lower elevations. Widespread catastrophic floods impacted nearly every community. This followed heavy storms in late December and earlier in January.

2001: A strong winter storm that started on 1.10 and ended on this day brought two to four inches of rain to the coast and the valleys and 1.74 inches of precipitation to Phelan. Flash flooding occurred in Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Garden Grove and Costa Mesa. 13 to 18 inches of snow fell in the Idyllwild area and three inches of snow blanketed Phelan. On this day a waterspout was observed three miles west of Chula Vista and a funnel cloud was reported in Kearny Mesa - San Diego. Wind gusts reached 71 mph at Phelan.

1995: Heavy rain that started on 1.10 and ended on this day caused extensive flooding in Orange County.

1993: A very wet series of storms that began on 1.6 and ended on 1.18 produced 20 to 50 inches of precipitation in the mountains and up to 12 inches at lower elevations over a two week period. It was one of the longest periods of consecutive days of rain on record (13). Flooding and flash flooding, mud slides, etc., resulted.

1978: Two waterspouts and several waterspouts were sited off the coast of La Jolla.

1949: The most significant snowstorm to hit lower elevations started on 1.9 and ended on this day. 14 inches fell in Woodland Hills, eight inches in La Canada and Catalina Island (at 2,100 feet), six inches in Altadena, five inches in Burbank, four inches in Pasadena, one inch in Laguna Beach and Long Beach. A trace fell in San Diego, the only time since 1882. Three feet piled up at Mt. Laguna, and 18 inches fell on Cuyamaca, one foot in Julian, four to eight inches fell as low as 1000 feet in elevation. From 1.10 to 1.13, 43 inches of snow fell at Palomar Mountain, the greatest snowfall on record. A light covering was reported in La Jolla, Point Loma, Miramar, Escondido, Spring Valley, and other outlying San Diego areas. The snow snarled all kinds of transportation and caused power outages and emergencies. A plane crash killed five and injured one near Julian. A camping group was stranded at Cuyamaca. The high temperature was 46° in San Diego, the lowest maximum temperature on record. The high temperature was 47° in Escondido, the lowest maximum temperature on record, which also occurred on 1.20.1917.

1942: It was 82° at Palomar Mountain, the highest temperature on record for January.

1930: Two inches of snow fell at Palm Springs, the greatest daily snowfall on record. The only other daily measurable snowfall on record was 1.5 inches on 1.31.1979.